[*English*]

Losses in Nationalised Banks

*124. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report on the working of the nationalised banks incurring losses is under the consideration of the Government;

(b) whether the report has specifically identified the reasons of losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No report on the working of nationalised banks incurring losses is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Starvation Deaths of Handloom Weavers

*125. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of starvation deaths have been reported among the handloom weavers in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such deaths reported during the last three years; Statewise;

(c) the reasons for such starvation deaths among the handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Union Government have given any financial assistance to the families *of the deceased;*

(e) if so, how much; and

(f) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The State Government to Andhra Pradesh has reported a figure of 76 deaths in past few months but have attributed it to prolonged illness and old age.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh had also earlier reported 33 deaths from November 1988 to February 1989 but had attributed these also to illness, old age, suicide and accidents. No other State has reported deaths specifically of weavers.

(c) Governn.ent of Andhra Pradesh got each of the reported starvation deaths enquired and reported that the deaths (including suicides) are not actually starvation deaths but are due to various other reasons like old age, prolonged illness, addiction to alcohol, accident, family problems, unsound mind, etc.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The grant of financial assistance is provided for in cases of people affected by natural calamities, riots, etc. There is no provision for any other kind of eventuality under the present scheme financial assistance is provided by State Governments only incases where deaths are directly due to communal riots, accidents and natural calamities. However, both the Central and